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Re: Cayuga Nation funding matter

Dear Mr. Amato:

Thank you for your letters dated July 21, 2006 and August 17, 2006 regarding the Cayuga Nation's participation in the Haudenosaunee Environmental Task Force (HETF) and EPA's grant funding to the HETF. I want to assure you that my staff and I are taking your concerns very seriously. We understand that these matters are of great significance to the Cayuga Nation and other Haudenosaunee nations. We are presently examining these complex and unusual issues further. Thus, at this time, my July 17, 2006 letter should not be viewed as a final decision. We will be contacting you to schedule a discussion of these matters before a decision is made.

In the interim, if you have any questions, please contact Paul Simon, our Deputy Regional Counsel, at (212) 637-3152.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alan Steinberg", is positioned above the typed name.

Alan Steinberg
Regional Administrator

cc: Joyce King, HETF Director
Daniel French, Esq.